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TAGS: PDEV, RH, TZ  
SUBJECT: RHODESIA: BRIEFING TANGOV

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1. DURING FLIGHT TO BUTIAMA 23 JANUARY, CHARGE BRIEFED FORN MINISTER MKAPA ON TALKING POINTS REFTEL. MKAPA SAID TANGOV AGREED MALTA TALKS SHOULD BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY BY ALL PARTICIPANTS. THAT WAS MESSAGE THAT PRESIDENT MACHEL HAD BEEN HAMMERING HOME TO MUGABE AND NKOMO IN MAPUTO LAST WEEK, PLUS NEED FOR PF TO BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS IN DETAIL. HE ADDED, INCIDENTALLY, RE HIS OWN PRESENCE IN MAPUTO LAST WEEK THAT IT WAS DECIDED TO LET MACHEL CARRY THE BALL IN TALKS THERE WITH THE PF LEADERS "AS PRESIDENT TO FUTURE PRESIDENT(S)."

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2. MKAPA AND MACHEL AGREED IN MAPUTO TO RAISE WITH OTHER FL PRESIDENTS IDEA OF HAVING FL OBSERVERS AT MALTA TALKS TO KEEP PF NOSES TO THE GRINDSTONE. LEVEL OF OBSERVER REPRESENTATION WOULD BE BELOW FOREIGN MINISTER--IN TANGOV'S CASE, DIRECTOR OF AFRICAN AND MID-EAST DIVISION MWASAKAFYUKA. MKAPA BRIEFED NYERERE ON THIS DURING OUR STAY IN BUTIAMA AND GOT WHAT HE LATER TOLD CHARGE WAS

"A POSITIVE RESPONSE." MKAPA NOW PLANS TO GET IN TOUCH WITH LUSACA AND GABORONE IN AN EFFORT TO GET THEM ABOARD. HE TOLD CHARGE THAT IF THERE IS NO GENERAL FL AGREEMENT ON OBSERVERS, THOSE WHO WANT TO MAY SEND THEIR OWN ANYWAY. HE THOUGHT IF THEY GO AHEAD WITH IDEA, BRITISH WOULD BE INFORMED "WITHIN A FEW DAYS." WHEN ASKED IF LEVEL OF OBSERVER REPRESENTATION WOULD GIVE FL ANY REAL LEVERAGE WITH PF IN MALTA, HE SAID HE THOUGHT SO "ASSUMING TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS THERE WORK."

3. MKAPA SIMPLY NODDED UP AND DOWN WHEN CHARGE MENTIONED OUR INTENTION TO BRIEF MUZOREWA AND SITHOLE ABOUT FORTHCOMING MALTA TALKS AND RATIONALE FOR DOING SO, AND WHEN SUBJECT RAISED OF INAPPROPRIATENESS OF UNSC ACTION ON RHODESIA DURING THIS TIME.

4. OPPORTUNITY FOR CHARGE TO DISCUSS THESE MATTERS WITH NYERERE ABORTED BY OUR LATE ARRIVAL IN BUTIAMA (STRONG HEADWINDS), LEAVING ONLY SHORT TIME FOR TALKS ABOUT PEACE CORPS WITH ACTION/ PEACE CORPS DIRECTORS BROWN/PAYTON BEFORE DEPARTURE (SEPTTEL). MKAPA HAD FIVE MINUTES ALONE WITH NYERERE BEFORE WE LEFT, DURING WHICH HE BRIEFED HIM ON WHAT WE HAD DISCUSSED ON THE WAY UP. NYERERE DID ASK CHARGE IF DR. OWEN AND AMB. YOUNG WILL BE COMING TO AREA FOLLOWING MALTA TALKS. I REPLIED I DID NOT HAVE FINAL INFORMATION ON THAT YET. MKAPA SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD ME THAT NYERERE EXPRESSED TO HIM NO VIEW ABOUT WHETHER OWEN/YOUNG OUGHT TO COME OUT TO AREA FOLLOWING MALTA TALKS, BUT THAT HE CONFIDENTIAL

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BELIEVED NYERERE WOULD SAY IT DEPENDS ON HOW THE TALKS GO IN MALTA. MKAPA ADDED THAT EVEN IF PF LEADERS TAKE MACHEL'S ADVICE ABOUT APPROACHING MALTA IN SERIOUS FRAME OF MIND, WE SHOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF THEIR OPENING POSITION IS HARD. WALKER

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